LESSON 24: MIKI
レッスン

AH, TAKANE!
IT HAS BEEN A WHILE SINCE WE'VE MET, MIKI.
YEAH. IT'S PRETTY ODD THAT WE HAVEN'T SEEN EACH OTHER, TAKANE.
BUT, WE'RE TOGETHER FOR OUR NEXT CONCERT, RIGHT?
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It's my pride and joy!
MAAAN~ IT'S A MIRACLE I GOT MY HANDS ON THESE!
Wow...
DESPITE THE CIRCUMSTANCES, SOMETHING LIKE THIS SHOULD BE PERMITTED...!
MIKI AND SHIJOU... WITH THEIR BUSY SCHEDULES ARE THEY GOING TO BE ABLE TO HANDLE THIS...?
ALRIGHT, KEEP ON ANSWERING TO OUR EXPECTATIONS LIKE THAT!
OKAY, OKAY.
BESIDES THAT, IT'S BEEN A REALLY LONG TIME SINCE I'VE SEEN YOU HERE AT SCHOOL.
WELL, IT'S ALL THANKS YOU THE FANS LIKE YOU, RYOUYA. WE'VE GOTTA ANSWER TO YOUR SUPPORT FOR US, RIGHT?

ABOUT THAT SUBJECT...
MIKI, ARE YOU OKAY WITH HOW YOU WILL BE TREATED THIS TIME?
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A BIG ANNOUNCMENT from Project Fairy!
TICKET

YEAH, I HAVEN'T HEARD A THING.
TREATMENT? I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, BUT IF THERE'S AN ANNOUCEMENT, I'LL BE EXCITED!
DON'T TELL ME YOU HAVE NOT BEEN INFORMED?

AH! MAYBE BECAUSE I WORKED REALLY HARD THEY'LL GIVE ME LOTS OF TIME TOO REST?
...IMPOSSIBLE, DOES KURO PLANS ON DOING THIS WITHOUT HER KNOWLEDGE..?
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NOW THAT I KNOW ABOUT HOW PRESIDENT KUROI DOES THINGS, I CAN ONLY THINK OF BAD THINGS...
I'D REALLY LIKE TO CHEER ON MIKI, BUT...
WHAT IS PROJECT FAIRY PLANNING TO DO FOR THEIR BIG ANNOUNCEMENT?
YOU THINK SO TOO, HIBIKI?
...THAT'S A BIT ODD.
HMM...
IT CONCERNS YOU DOESN'T IT... HOW ABOUT YOU CALL MIKI-CHAN DIRECTLY?
HOW DO I PUT IT... HAVING THESE KIND OF ANNOUNCEMENTS IS A BIT ODD... OR A BIT UNSETTLING?
AT 961 PRO, IF THEY WERE GOING TO DO A BIG ANNOUNCEMENT, IT'D ALWAYS BE A SURPRISE TO US.

HOLD ON...
INSTEAD OF MIKI, SHIJOU WILL...
BUT 961 PRO ARE OUR RIVALS... WILL THEY ANSWER SOMETHING LIKE THIS...?
I'M WORRIED ABOUT THE BOTH OF THEM...
TAKANE'S THE TYPE WHO WOULDN'T COMPLAIN ABOUT THINGS MORE THAN I DO.
TAKANE-SAN HAS THOSE KIND OF FEELINGS TOO? I CAN'T REALLY IMAGINE THAT...
WELL, I WAS SENT DOWN THE PATH OF BEING A COOL, BUT I'M NOT LIKE THAT...
MIKI WORRIES ME, BUT SHIJOU DOES ALSO...
TAKANE BEING THE "ICE QUEEN" IS A BIT OFF TOO.

I'M WORRIED ABOUT BOTH OF THEM...!
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TAKAGI-DONO?
AH, UM... SORRY FOR CALLING SUDDENLY, BUT THERE WAS SOMETHING BUGGING ME...
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I SEE... TRUTHFULLY, I WAS UNSURE WHETHER OR NOT TO CALL YOU.
EH!?
...YES... I'M CALLING BECAUSE OF OUR NEXT CONCERT.
SO YOU'RE CALLING ABOUT THE BIG ANNOUNCEMENT?

EH... WHAT'S IT ABOUT...!?
IT'S TOP SECRET BUT, I THINK IT'S JUST TOO HARSH FOR MIKI...
...TAKAGI-DONO, IF YOU'LL BELIEVE IN WHAT I SAY...
!?
AROUND THE TIME OF THE CONCERT, KUROI-DONO PLANS ON SENDING MIKI OVERSEAS.
...I HAD HEARD THAT SENDING IDOLS OVERSEAS HAS COME INTO 961 PRO'S FIELD OF VISION. NOW THEY'RE PUTTING THEIR PLAN INTO ACTION AND MIKI HAS PROBABLY BEEN CHOSEN OUT OF EVERY-ONE.
THAT KIND OF INFORMATION HAS BEEN FLOATING AROUND THE OFFICE. ALONG WITH THE FACT THAT YOU HAVE NOT BEEN IN-FORMED, TAKAGI-DONO... ON TOP OF THAT
IT SEEMS THAT KUROI-DONO HAS NOT IN-FORMED MIKI OF THIS BIG DECISION.

AS IDOLS, WE MUST PERPETUATE OUR IDEALIZED IMAGES TO OUR FANS.
WE ARE PREPARED TO PUT UP WITH THAT FACT MANY TIMES.
BUT, IF WE ARE TO LET OURSELVES GROW, IS THAT SOMETHING THAT WE MUST WITHSTAND...?
I JUST DO NOT KNOW.

...IS THAT WHAT YOU THINK...?
THAT KIND OF "LONELY PRINCE" STUFF IS JUST HOLDING YOU BACK FROM YOUR DREAM!
WHO NEEDS THAT KIND OF PREPARATION!?
OF COURSE!
DECIDING MIKI'S FUTURE WITHOUT EVEN LETTING HER KNOW... I WON'T FORGIVE HIM!

...BEFORE THAT HAPPENS, PLEASE GO TO MIKI.
IF THAT'S HOW SHE FELT THEN I MUST INSIST. THIS IS THE BEST I CAN DO FROM MY POSITION.
OKAY, I'LL DEFINITELY GO TO MIKI!
...IT'S UP TO YOU NOW.
BUT MIKI... MIKI WOULD RATHER BE TAKEN BACK BY EVERYONE INSTEAD OF GOING BACK HERSELF.
MIKI SAID SOMETHING LIKE THAT ONCE...
MIKI WAS UNWILLINGLY FORCED INTO 961 PRO.
TO PUT IT ANOTHER WAY, MIKI WAS LEFT IN OUR CARE. NOW'S THE TIME TO TAKE HER BACK...

BUT... WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO YOU IF I TAKE MIKI BACK?
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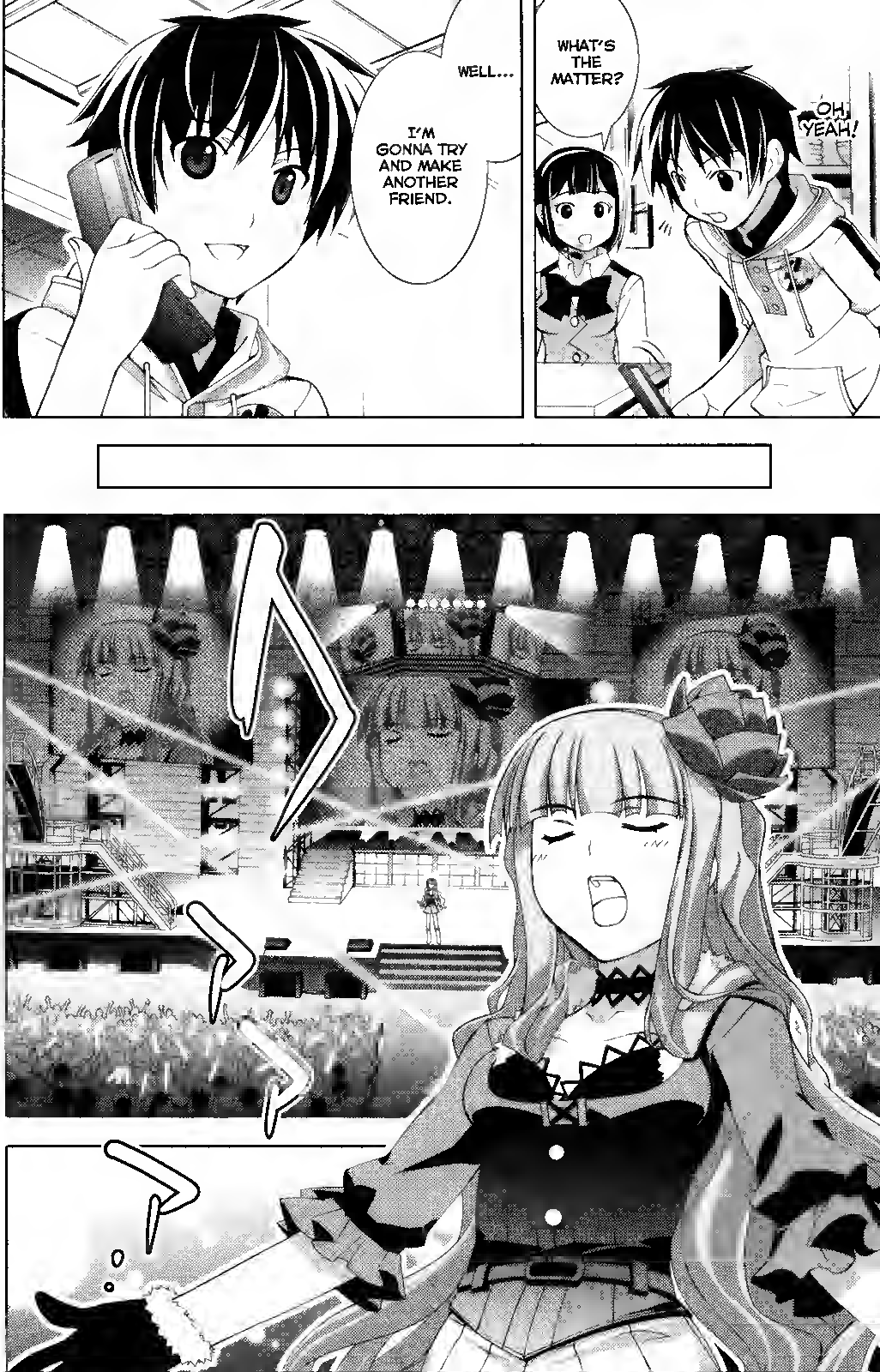
I APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTS, BUT THIS IS MY OWN PROBLEM.
THAT'S... THAT'S TRUE BUT...!?
THE MOON HAS GOTTEN QUITE BRIGHT.
EH?
AT A GLANCE, THE MOON IS A CRUEL REFLECTION, LIKE YOU ALL AT 765 PRO.
TO ME, THE MOON IS A GREAT COMFORT... AND A GUIDEPOST.
SHIJOU...? WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT...

...THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
ALL RIGHT, THANKS! ALSO... I'M NOT SURE HOW TO SAY IT, BUT CHEER UP A BIT!
...NOTHING. I WAS JUST TALKING TO MYSELF. IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME NOW, I HAVE ANOTHER JOB TO DO.
AM I...
GOING DOWN THE CORRECT PATH...?

YUUTAROU!? IT'S BEEN A WHILE, NANO!
Y-YEAH... SORRY ABOUT THAT. I JUST FELT LIKE HEARING YOUR VOICE, MIKI... ARE YOU DOING OKAY?
…
…IT'S NOTHING. MIKI'S DOING GREAT. ARE THE OTHER GIRLS DOING FINE TOO?
THERE'S A NEW GIRL, RIGHT? I WANNA MEET HER AND CHAT WITH HER!
MIKI?

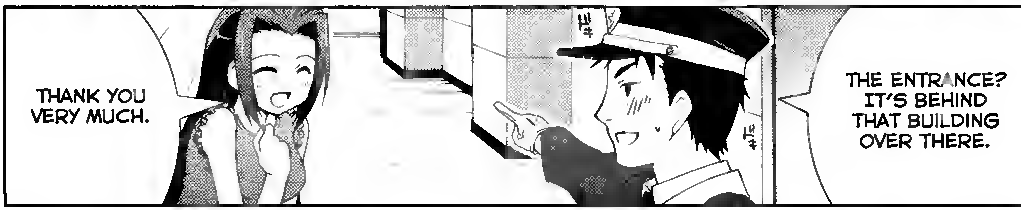
I WANT TO... STAY WITH EVERYONE...
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, THE 765 PRO DORM WAS RUNDOWN
BUT IT WAS REALLY FUN THERE!
...
I WANT TO...
...HEY
ALSO, ALSO...
MIKI,
ARE YOU HAVING FUN BEING AN IDOL NOW?
MIKI! I, NO, WE ALL...!
...I GOTTA GO NOW!
BYE...

TALK TO YOU LATER.
...YEAH.
YUP.
WE'RE GOING TO WHERE MIKI IS, RIGHT?
MIKI'S FANS WILL CONTINUE TO CHEER HER ON.
SORRY, I KNOW THIS IS ALL A BIT RECK-LESS...
I THINK THE PRESIDENT WOULD SAY "GO GET HER." ALSO...
WE'VE GOTTA SET UP A STRATE-GY!
FUFU, LEAVE IT TO ME!


WELL...
I'M GONNA TRY AND MAKE ANOTHER FRIEND.
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
OH, YEAH!

IT'S FINALLY THE DAY OF THE CONCERT...
THERE'S NO WAY TAKAGI-DONO WOULD NOT COME FOR MIKI...
THEREFORE...
I'M SURE HE'LL APPEAR DURING THE MIDDLE OF THE CONCERT...!
EXCUSE ME~...

WHERE IS THE ENTRANCE TO THE VENUE?


THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
THE ENTRANCE? IT'S BEHIND THAT BUILDING OVER THERE.

THIS IS THE BACK ENTRANCE.
AR...
U-UM...
EEEEEH!?
THE ENTRANCE TO THE VENUE~...
Head that way

IT WORKED PERFECTLY!
B-BUT SHOULDN'T WE HAVE HAD MORE PEOPLE...
THE OTHERS HAD JOBS TO DO AND THERE'S NO WAY HIBIKI COULD GO TO A 961 PRO CONCERT.
YOU'RE RIGHT... THAT BEING SAID, I'LL TRY AND...
HEY, YOU ALL. THIS PLACE IS OFF LIMITS!
HURRY UP AND GET OUT OF...
EEK!?
YUKIHO !?
UWAA!!
NOOOO !!

GO ON AHEAD! YUKIHO AND I WILL HANDLE THIS!
BUT...!

UH-OH!
WHAT WAS THAT? WHAT HAP-PENED!?

...GOT IT!

IT'S OKAY! I'M LEAVING MIKI-SENPAI TO YOU ALL!
Kikuchi Shoichi...
Fighting Tear

HEY! YOU ADULTS SHOULD BE ASHAMED FOR GANG-ING UP ON A SINGLE GIRL!

WE'VE COME TO TAKE BACK MIKI!
WHA- 765 PRO!? WHY ARE YOU HERE!?
WHAT!? WHAT ARE YOU SAYING... YOU KIDS WHO DON'T UNDERSTAND BUSINESS SHOULD GO HOME! GO ON!
WELL, GOOD THING I'M HERE, SINCE I UNDERSTAND BUSINESS AND HAVE SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT~
HUH?
AUGH!?

I'VE GOT A MOUNTAIN OF THINGS TO TALK ABOUT. FIRST, IS REGARDING THIS PHOTO. NEXT IS ABOUT OUR PRODUCER GETTING INJURED A FEW DAYS AGO.
ACCORDING TO THE STAFF, IT SEEMS THAT THE LIGHT THAT FELL HAD A SCREW REMOVED. THAT WOULD MEAN SOMEONE KNEW THE LIGHT WOULD FALL, CORRECT?
N-NO, UM...
ON TOP OF THAT, AN INTERESTING THING IS THAT AT THAT SAME TIME, AN UNKNOWN MAN WAS SEEN IN THE STUDIO AREA. SO I ASKED AROUND AND MANAGED TO VIEW THE TAPES OF A CAMERA CLOSE BY.
AND WHAT I SAW!!
W-WHAT'S WITH YOU!? IS AN IDOL SUPPOSED TO BE DOING THESE THINGS!?
OH-HO... SEEMS I HAVE A LOOOT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT
L-LET ME GO!

SHIJOU!
ONCE THIS SONG ENDS, ALL THAT'S LEFT IS THE ANNOUNCEMENT...
QUICKLY, TAKAGI-DONO...!
YOU REALLY CAME...
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WHO ARE YOU!?
WAH, PLEASE GET OUT OF THE WAAAY!
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I'M HERE TO GET YOU! LET'S GO BACK TO 765 PRO TO-GETHER!
MIKI!!
...YEAH!
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS!

EVERYBODY! MIKI WANTS GO TO BACK TO 765 PRO AFTER ALL!
BUT I STILL WANT YOU ALL TO CHEER ME ON!
H-HEY, SHE'S 765 PRO'S ...
AND THAT'S KISARAGI CHIHAYA!?
JUST WHAT IS GOING ON...
GO FOR IT, MIKI-CHAN!!

I CAN'T REALLY EXPLAIN IT, BUT NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, PLEASE KEEP CHEERING MIKI ON!
MIKI-CHAN LOOKS SO HAPPY...
I WILL!
I'LL BELIEVE IN YOU, YUUTAROU.
I-I'LL ALWAYS BE ON YOUR SIDE, MIKI-CHAN!
ME TOO!
MIKI-CHAN'S THE BEST!
WE'LL BE THERE FOR YOU WHER-EVER YOU GO!!
WELCOME BACK, MIKI...

I WANT YOU TO COME WITH US TOO, SHIJOU!
SHIJOU ...!
BEING GREEDY, ARE WE, YOUNG MAN...
.....
YOU PLAN ON TRYING TO TAKE TAKANE ALSO?
UNFORTU-NATELY THE CONVERSA-TION ENDS HERE! TAKE MIKI AND BEGONE ALREADY!